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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Moustafa ABDEL-MAKSOUD et al.

Confirmation No. 4879

Examiner: Jesus D. Sotelo

Group Art Unit: 3617

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DISCHARGING EXHAUST  
GASES OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE OF BOATS  
INTO THE WATER SURROUNDING THE BOATS

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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance provided with the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 4, 2008, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not

taught, or suggested, by the cited art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's Statements regarding limitations not set forth therein. Finally, Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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